

## EMU Medical Laboratory Science Student Receives State Award

The EMU Medical Laboratory Science Interns, Graduating Class of 2017, attended the American Society of Clinical Laboratory Sciences – Michigan Meeting in Kalamazoo on April 19<sup>th</sup> through April 21<sup>st</sup>. As a part of the internship, each student worked on a Management Project and these were presented at the annual meeting. There were over 30 posters entered representing MLS programs from all over Michigan. It is with pride and joy that the MLS Program announces that McKenzie Walker, an EMU Intern, received 1<sup>st</sup> place in the poster competition.

Ms. Walker's Management Project was titled "Validation of Safe-T-Vue 10 Temperature Indicators". Temperature indicators are used to monitor the temperature of red blood cell units that leave the blood bank for transfusion to patients. If the temperature of the red blood cell units rise above a certain temperature, the units can no longer be transfused to a patient. McKenzie's work substantiated that the Safe-T-Vue indicators were a good option for determining the temperature of units that left the laboratory. Her work was so valuable to the Immunohematology department at Garden City Hospital, that they have implemented the indicators. Ms. Walker was also given the responsibility of training the lab staff on the implementation of the temperature indicators. In recognition of her hard work, McKenzie received a three hundred dollar award from ASCLS-Michigan.

